situation; in fact, take away from it its royal blood—but—
Somehow there was always a "but" wooded background and surroundings of magnificent trees, or its position on the green, sloping hillside, and you had thing but a long, low, irregular, white building with many chimney-pots, in which successive generations had added a window here, thrown out a wing there, and committed the crowning incongruity of erecting an Italian portico in front of the old Tudor mansion.

In the foreground a green undulating

fled, leaving their booty behind them. What became of the gold-embroidered suit of carnation-colored velvet, the satin-lined laco cloak, and the jewel-clasped feathered hat was not known-whether it was taken possession of by the myrmidons of the law, or became the property of the dead man's servant; but there was a certain heavilycarved, iron-bound chest in a dusty, disused upper chamber in the oldest porwhose spring was unknown, and which had never been opened since it had been brought there by Sir Reginald Halliwell, brother and successor of Sir Jones.

What it contained no one knew; perhaps the evidences of some hidden crime—some horrible, grisly tokens of a cruel murder-something which, had it been known, would have blasted the fair fame of Maddon, and perhaps-for there were many surmises—nothing at all; but on the lid was carved, in old English characters, the following dis-

sink: "In the content of the chamber was always locked, and the heavy, rusty old key bord and a parediment label, on which was a miser to half lived and the content of the chamber was a may be compared with the strength and fired a parediment label, on which was a miser to half lived and the strength and fired a parediment label, on which was a miser to half lived and the strength and fired a parediment label, on which was a miser to half lived and the strength and fired a parediment label, that as dark as a nigary are and garanteed a parediment label, but as dark as a nigary tenious to brave the curse and raise the hid. One reason was that they were a supersitions are and garanteel paleonally all their family traditions—monthly included and the strength and fired the parediment label, but as dark as a nigary tenious to brave the curse and raise the hid. One reason was that they were a supersition are an eleganteel paleonal and the strength and the was a "islength of the passes of

and then they, or at any rate the purpose of his expensive the purpose of his omething point of the community, wondered no more, but attested their community, wondered no more, but attended to the pasters of the past

It was not so much the house as its and the manners of a princess of the

centre and sole possessor of her affections; though, with his birth, the growing expression of envious discontent, which sullied her handsome features, increased and culminated.

By this time the "young master," as the old servants of the household delighted to call him, was a sturdy young urchin of some three or four years. It was this last expression which, when she heard it, made his stepmother's eyes flash fire and caused her to bite her full red lips until they bled. "He!" she would mutter fiercely to herself; "that little interloper!"—which was hard on Reginald, and, to say the least, unreasonable, seeing that he was the first-born—"who is not to be named with my son, my Anthony. But he shall never lord it over me and mine when his father dies. Poor, was foo!! but for him and his pitiful yow I could have retising the doyou and he both and he obtained which is the developed to develve that he had been stricked by the terrible visitation of the time, And the wicked smile on the portrait had been stricked for some of those good gentlemen of the patient of the portrait bang in the gadlery above. As for me," she continued with a gesture of resignation, "as the widow of him who has gone before—may his look in the dark closet where it had bove. As for me," she continued with a gesture of resignation, "as the widow of him who has gone before—may his a looker-on at your festivities. Only let me," and she smiled a bewildering ship but a looker on at your festivities. Only let me," and she smiled a bewildering smile, half of command, half of entreaty, smile, half of command, half of entreaty, smile, half of command, half of entreaty and such as the heart of no man could have resisted, still less the youth who felt the clarm of the cuaraction and white you selected for who two whose portraits hang in the gadlery and the potential that the prostrate fall whose. As for me," as the widow of him who

when buds were shooting and leaves unfolding day by day, or in the winter, servitors, and particularly of Deborah within!"

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the rich bloom of carnation-colored vel
One day the mail wor when snow covered and hid the green slopes and icicles hung from the branches. And it was on a September could do to depose of her, the man turned day, early in the present century, when day, early in the present century, when out to be a foreigner -- a dark, sallow, sinis- to look upon; and year by year the dark wide, causing infinite surprise and althe place was fairest to look upon, that Bir Hugh Halliwell brought home his Deborah declared, "as like my lady as deeper and more fixed. She was never cond hasty marriage twenty years ago the oldest portion of the court. bride.

She was, it had been reported, of Spanish lineage, and Sir Hugh had met her and fallen a victim to her charms while seeking distraction and forgefulness after the death of his first wife, in courtesy and sidelong glances of suspiners. What magget was this," they whence she came, beyond the pare circular whence whence whence are contained when the country bear stepson, though she bit her tip and ther stepson, though she bit her tip and the restepson, though she bit her tip and the whence she came, beyond the mere circumstance of her being of foreign expisitor, like herself, behind the two statue always, unless when under the do-loudest in their exclamations of outraged

royal blood—but—

Somehow there was always a "but" in her face handkerenief. Kindly Sir when her own sex spoke of the second Lady Halliwell. Female prejudice, of course—what else could it be, seeing that there was not one of their number in the whole county who could hold a candle to her in respect of parsonal appearance or live to lord it at the Court!"

and then turning aside she hid her face of Deborah Lady Halliwell wore a brighter look and trod with a lighter step brighter look and trod w

becoming on their part to throw up their hands in scandalized amazement at the fickleness of men generally, and the unseemliness of a widower whose tears should scarcely have dried upon his cheeks, marrying again in less than three mooths; yet even they—though grudgingly and with a sigh and shake of their heads as a token of respect on their part, at any rate, to the departed—allowed that Lady Isabella was vastly handsome, with a most elegant shape, and the manners of a princess of the royal blood—but—

Somehow there was always a "but"

explained in his broken English, with his eyes fixed on his mistress's stony features, stony features, while Sir Hugh bung in speech-tures, while Sir Hugh bung in speech-t

And Statistical was considered with the control of the control of

father dies. Poor, weak fool! but for human aid seemed able to alleviate. His him and his pitiful vow I could have portrait of Sir Jonas as he stood carcless-him and his pitiful vow I could have ly resting his hand upon his sword, and quest, and from such lips? Not a gay, mother—after hanging over his dying sent away that bateful woman, with her seeming to regard the silent spectator light-hearted young fellow, who, though form and listening to his long-drawn prying eyes and insolent speeches, and then who knows but that things might even then have come right!"

with a mocking smile and curl of his sincerely grieved, and, as he thought at sighs as they gradually became fainter—the time, well nigh heartbroken at the when they gently told her that he was corn then have come right!"

When they are the probability that the same of the probability that He was a handsome child, the second passing through a doorway at one end father, yet found the year of mourning embraced it in her arms; and, after vain-

had paused at last before one, in which she inserted a key.

The physicians who had been summoned in haste from all the country

whose county who could hold a candle to her in respect of personal appearance or elegance of manner?

But on that same September day when Lady Halliwell saw her inture home for the first time, bathed in sunshine and borah at finding it with its cobweb lace to discuss the first time, bathed in sunshine and borah at finding it with its cobweb lace to discuss the first time, bathed in sunshine and borah at finding it with its cobweb lace to discuss the first time, bathed in sunshine and borah at finding it with its cobweb lace to discuss the first time, bathed in sunshine and borah at finding it with its cobweb lace to discuss the first time, bathed in sunshine and borah at finding it with its cobweb lace to discuss the first time, bathed in sunshine and borah at finding it with its cobweb lace to discuss the first time, bathed in sunshine and borah at finding it with its cobweb lace. the first time, bathed in sunshine and standing proudly on its wooded eminance, the expression which crossed her face after her first exclamation of the difference in the first time, bathed in sunshine and borab at linding it with its cobweb lace. Beginning reigned in his stend.

Sir flugh was deeply regretted by all bade them welcome was Sir Reginning who knew him, for he was a careless, and which Mr. Anthony, so well disgood-natured soul, with a ready hand guised were they—excusing the absence

son of Sir Hugh, but as dark as a gypsy, and traversing more than one winding and his father was proud enough of him, passage with closed doors on either side, longed to throw off at least some of the dead, they left her there.

One day the mad woman managed to

escape the vigilance of her attendants. They sought her trembling, high and low, when at last chance led them to a low-cerled, ancient room, where dust and cobwebs lay thick and slab, in they found her, lying dead before a large oak chest. It was quite empty, and on the lid was carved in Gothio characters:

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(For the Dispatch.) [Written on receiving a telegram that the fant son of an adopted daughter was dead.]

By MES. A. ELHORR.

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Oh. No! it cannot, cannot be
That I no more his face shall see,
Or watch the wonder in his eyes
As they discover with surprise,
Some trace of form not seen before,
For so beginneth wisdom's stare. Where, O my dove, where dost jbou stray?

And did they bend above thee there,

With smiles upon their faces bright,
And whisper soft, "We love you, dear,
This is love a home, the land of light?"
Oh, didst thou miss a loving face
That thou had scarce begun to know;
Could any angel take its pisce
Or its reverent homage show?

Do they give thee the titles rare
We thought befitting one so fair?
Or hast thou on a shining alone
One sweetnew name, for eye, thine own?
Do they bestow caresses sweet,
And kiss thy face and hands and feet,
And clothe thee with the softest fleece,

Henceforth, my precious, pure, white dove, Though lone and sad, the wealth of love Thy coming missed within my breast shall to some loveless one be blost, For their hast no more need of me, Oh! I had thought again to fold

The precious one upon my breast, And cooing fullabys to hold Him cradled in my arms at rest.

I thought to see the tiny but I thought to see the tiny but Lit to a perfect blossom grow, And on to manhood's nobleness. From sin-storms kept as white as snow. But his wee hand I may not lead, Nor to the leaning feet give heed; The angels, too, will teach his tongue. "The awestest words e'er sald or sung."

Dear Lord. I bow before this rod,
But 'tis with tears and fainting heart,
And Thou alone distillest baim
To heat and conthe the deepening smart;
The jewel Thou didst lend is Thire.

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